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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/22988

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : C08B 16/00, 11/00; C07G 17/00.  
 US CL : 536/ 57, 56, 124.

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
 U.S. : 536/ 57, 56, 124.

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 6,391,368 B1 (TUASON et al.) 21 May 2002, see abstract and claims.	1-31
Y	US 4,409,384 A (LINDSEY) 11 October 1983, see abstract and claims.	1-31
Y	US 6,392,034 B1 (TRUSOVS) 21 May 2002, see abstract and claims.	1-31
A	US 2001/0031861 A1 (SATO et al.) 18 October 2001, see abstract and claims.	1-31
A	US 4,941,943 A (EDELMAN et al.) 17 July 1990, see abstract and claims.	1-31
A	US 6,261,218 B1 (SCHULZ) 17 July 2001, see abstract and claims.	1-31

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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CAS on line, EAST. Search terms used: cellulose and depolymerization, process and microcrystalline cellulose, dry cellulose, cellulose and extrusion system, carboxy methyl cellulose, hydrogen peroxide and cellulose, and cellulose and high shear device.